

Urban Issues:

The City of Charleston seeks both to preserve the historic Trolley Barn and give it an appropriate use that will promote positive change in the area.

- The roadways connecting I-26 to the new Ravenel Bridge have brought attention and opportunity to the Upper Meeting Street district. The Trolley Barn is at the heart of this district.
- Acquired by the S.C. Department of Transportation during construction of the bridge, the Trolley Barn is being transferred to the City of Charleston as part of the DOT's mitigation program.
- The Trolley Barn and the Upper Meeting Street district are at the northern limit of the King-Meeting Corridor, just south of the Charleston Neck.
- With the northern shift of the cross-town on the east side of the peninsula, the Trolley Barn is now on the edge of "downtown" and, over the next fifty years, will be at the heart of a greatly expanded peninsula.
- This shift has created a new visual connection between the Trolley Barn, the Upper Meeting Street district, and the city.
- Situated between two city-driven development plans (the "Meeting Street/King Street Corridor" and the "Charleston Neck Plan", this area is currently without a guided strategy of it's own.